

March 3, 2022

ITEM NO.: ONE

FILE NO.: NR2022-001

NAME: Abraham and Mollie Froug House

LOCATION: 1727 S. Center Street

OWNER/AUTHORIZED AGENT/APPLICANT:

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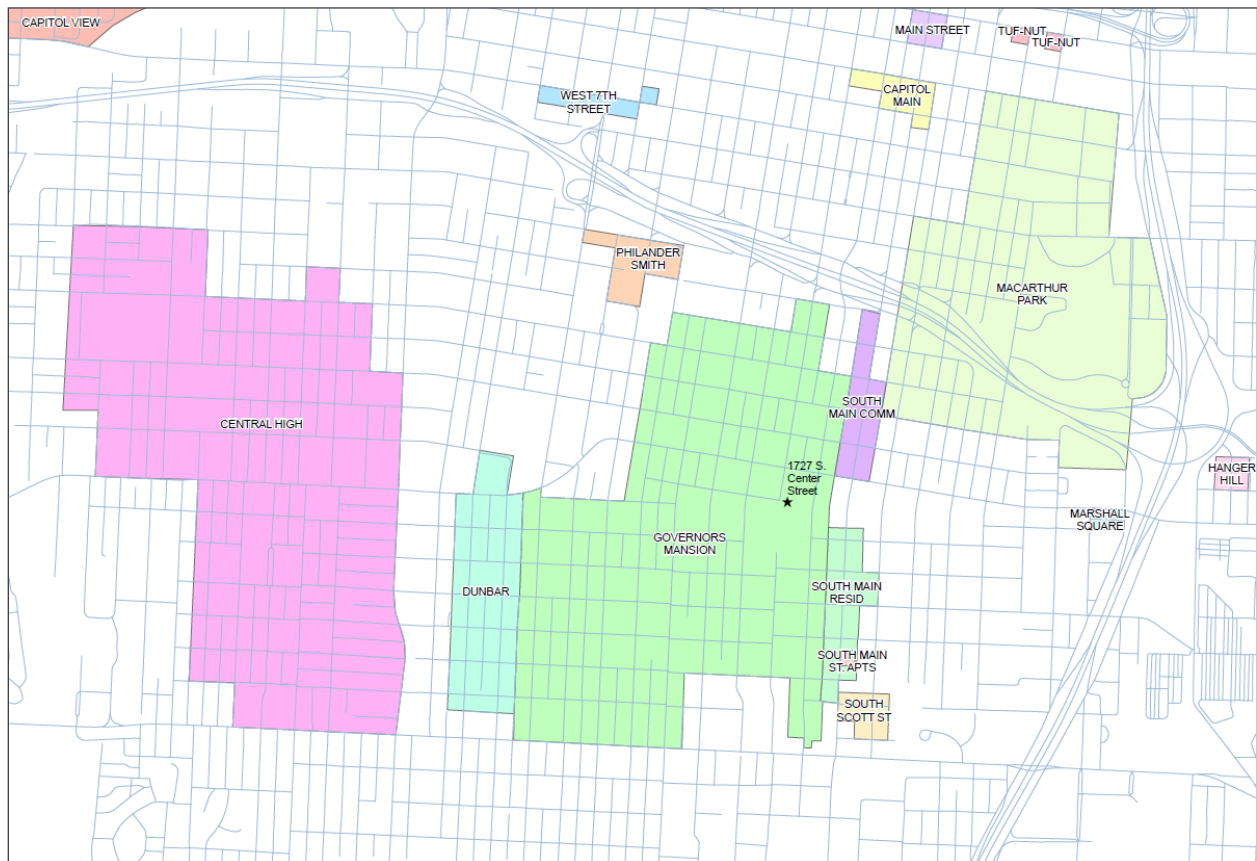


Figure 1 1727 S. Center

BACKGROUND:

Location

The subject property is located at 1727 Center Street. The property's legal description is "all of Lot 7, the South 5 feet of Lot 6, the West 9 feet of Lot 8 and the West 9 feet of the South 5 feet of Lot 9 all in Block 189 of the Original City of Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas."



A. PROPOSAL/REQUEST/APPLICANT'S STATEMENT:

Nomination of the Abraham and Mollie Froug House to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Commission will review the Nomination of the Abraham and Mollie Froug House to the National Register.

The Nomination states:

“Constructed in 1920, the Abraham and Mollie Froug House is an excellent example of a more moderate-sized Craftsman Style of house by notable architect Charles L. Thompson. It embodies the style in its deep eaves, exposed rafter tails, open knee braces, multi-sash windows, tapered square columns, and gables featuring stickwork. As such, it is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C with local significance as a significant example of a moderate-sized Craftsman Style residence by Charles L. Thompson.”

“Located at 1727 South Center Street in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas, the Abraham and Mollie Froug House is within the boundaries of and is contributing to the Governor’s Mansion Historic District near downtown Little Rock. It is a two and half story, frame-construction house that was designed in the Craftsman Style by notable Little Rock architect, Charles L. Thompson. The exterior of the house is primarily clad in buff brick, with stucco and half-timbering in the gables and tapered stone columns on the porches. The roof of the house has a cross-gable configuration and is covered with terra cotta tiles. It is accented by two buff-brick chimneys that are capped with cast-stone tops. The foundation of the house contains a partial basement and a crawlspace, with a mixture of cast-concrete and stone footings and foundation walls. The property also contains a single-story, buff-brick garage building, which echoes the architectural details of the main house, and a large wooden pergola structure.”

“The interior of the Froug House is relatively simple, despite the elaborateness of the exterior. The occupiable space of the basement level is located at the eastern end of the house and contains a bathroom, laundry room, small entry area, and former boiler/fuel room. The remainder of the level is composed of a crawlspace area, which occupies a majority of the footprint of the house. The first floor contains an entry/foyer, which is labeled the “stair hall” on the plans, a living room, dining room, and kitchen with associated spaces. The second floor of the house contains an additional bathroom, two bedrooms, and a large “sleeping porch” area that is now used as a living space. The third floor/attic level has no distinguishable rooms and is mainly open and used for storage. There have been no significant changes to the floor plans of any of the levels, with the interior of the house still appearing in much the same fashion as it would have historically.”

“Both the interior and exterior of the Froug House display a remarkable level of historic material. The room that has seen the most change is the kitchen, which has had updated cabinets and countertops installed, though it still occupies roughly the same space within the house. Additionally, what was historically a screened-in porch in the northeast corner of the house has been enclosed with glass. However, taken as a whole, the changes to the house have had little effect on the general feel or historic interpretation of the property.”

B. EXISTING CONDITIONS:

N/A

C. NEIGHBORHOOD COMMENTS:

All neighborhood associations registered with The City of Little Rock that surround the site were notified of the public hearing.

D. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends nomination to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.

Criterion C is defined as: Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

The Arkansas Historic Preservation Programs has set forth the “Arkansas Certified Local Government Procedures.” In it, sections are titled: “Introduction”, “Eligibility for participation in the Certified Local Government Program”, “Process for Certification of Local Governments”, “Process for monitoring Certified local Governments,” “Certified Local Governments Participation in the National Register Nomination Process”, and “Transfer of funds to Certified Local Governments.”

In Section II Eligibility for Participation in the Certified Local Government Program subsection C Local Historic Preservation Program, II C. 2. f) states that one of the Duties of local preservation commissions shall include:

“Reviewing all proposed National Registration nominations for properties within the boundaries of the CLG’s jurisdiction. When a commission reviews a nomination or other action that will impact properties which are normally evaluated by a professional in a specific discipline, at that discipline is not represented on the commission, the commission must seek expertise in that discipline before rendering its decision.”

In Section V Certified Local Government participation in the national register nomination process, sub section B CLG involvement in the National Register Process, the procedures state:

A. CLGs shall submit a report (available for public inspection) to the AHPP regarding the eligibility of each property or district within its jurisdiction proposed for nomination to the National Register.

1. The report shall include recommendations of the local preservation commission and the chief elected official.

2. The report should concentrate on the property's eligibility under the National Register criteria.

3. Failure to submit reports on the eligibility of properties nominated within the jurisdiction of the CLG after the AHPP has informed the CLG of a pending nomination will be considered during the periodic performance evaluation.

B. CLG involvement in the National Register process

1. Within 60 calendar days of receipt of the nomination, the CLG shall inform the AHPP by submission of a report (see section V-A) as to its opinion regarding the eligibility of the property. The CLG shall also inform the property owner(s) using National Register criteria for evaluation, as to its opinion regarding the eligibility of the property.

An excerpt from the CLG agreement

2. In the event a nomination is received by the AHPP before submission to the CLG, the AHPP will forward a copy of the completed nomination to the CLG within 30 calendar days of receipt.

3. If both the commission and chief elected official recommend that a property not be nominated because it does not meet the National Register criteria for eligibility, the CLG will so inform the property owner(s) and the State Historic Preservation Officer, the property will then not be nominated unless an appeal is filed with the SHPO in accordance with appeal procedures outlined in 36 CFR 60. Appeals must be received by the SHPO within 30 calendar days of the date the property owner receives notification by certified mail that the property has been determined ineligible for nomination by both the CLG and the Chief elected official. This is in accordance with Section 101(c) 2 of the NHPA.

4. If the commission or the chief elected official of the CLG recommend that a property should be nominated, the nomination will be scheduled for submission to the Arkansas State Review Board. Scheduling will be in accordance with notification time constraints as set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

5. The Arkansas State Review Board, after considering all opinions, including those of the commission and the chief elected official of the CLG, shall make its recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Officer. Either the local preservation commission or the chief elected official may appeal the SHPOs final decision.

6. When a National Register nomination, that has been reviewed by a commission, is submitted to the National Park Service for review and listing, all reports or comments from the local officials will be submitted along with the nomination.

7. The AHPP and the CLG will work together to provide ample opportunity for public participation in the nomination of properties to the National register. All reports submitted by the CLG to the AHPP regarding the eligibility of properties shall include assurances of public input. The CLG shall retain a list of all persons contacted during the evaluation period and note comments that were received. If a public meeting was held, a list of those attending shall be included in the report.

An excerpt from the CLG agreement

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CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION REVIEW

Name and Address of property:

Abraham and Mollie Froug House, 1727 S. Center, Little Rock, AR 72204

Name of Owner:

Dr. Michael D. Cannon

Project Sponsor:

Mason Toms, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

CLG Name:

City of Little Rock, Arkansas

Date of Public Hearing by CLG:

March 3rd, 2022

Applicable Criteria:

☐ Criterion A (Historic Events)

☐ Criterion B (Important Person)

☒ Criterion C (Architecture)

☐ Criterion D (Archaeological)

The Little Rock Historic District Commission hereby recommends the above stated property for nomination.

Attest:

Chair Date

Secretary/Staff

Date